MAMMALS

The listing in this edition contains four new species, but before this I have listed two older stamps, both of which are noted as new species. Both of these require a little explanation as one is a correction of a previous listing and the other was never listed.

Back in Vol. 35(1), Dave Meixner listed the 3k value (#5389*)* of a 1985 Russia set as a Thick-tailed pygmy jerboa. Some years later he mentioned to me that he had reason to believe that this identification was incorrect and that the animal depicted was probably a Five-toed pygmy jerboa and if he listed it as such would I do an amended description in my Mammals Biographical column. I would have provided this new description but Dave never got around to including the correction in his listings and so I include the amended identification now. Interestingly I did confirm the new identification at the time. The descriptions on all the stamps of the set are in Russian, which accounted for the difficulty of the original identification. I have a complete set of Grizimek' s Animal Life Encyclopedia and recalled that at the back of each volume every species detailed in that volume was listed in various languages; one of which was Russian. The Five-toed pygmy jerboa was fortuanately one of the species mentioned in the text and by comparing the Cyrillic letters on the stamp with those in the listing at the back of the book, I found that they matched. I would also mention that the original identification of a Thick-tailed pygmy jerboa has also now appeared on a stamp and the listing in Vol.52(1) under Mongolia #2497a should be now be noted as a new species.

The second item also involves Dave Meixner as some years ago he brought to my attention a stamp from Russia depicting a scene on Lake Baikal. Around the edge of this stamp were very small silhouettes of various creatures, one of which was the shape of a seal. Dave and I had a rare difference of opinion, as he wished to list this silhouette as a Baikal seal and therefore a new species. While I accepted that this tiny black shape was intended to represent a Baikal seal, I was not prepared to accept that it actually depicted one and we therefore left it unidentified. In 2001, as a Europa issue, Russia provided a further stamp depicting a scene on lake Baikal. To one side of this there are four line drawings of various creatures, one of which is a seal. While this is still only a black on white line drawing of the seal I am far more happy to accept that the seal depicted is a Baikal seal and I therefore list it as a new species. Hopefully at sometime in the future a colour representation of the species will be issued and I will then happily note the fact !

CORRECTION TO VOl.35(1)

RUSSIA		August 15, 1985 Mammals		
5389	3k	Five-toed pygmy jerboa *Cardiocranius paradoxus*	Dipodidae	NEW

2001 LISTING

RUSSIA		May 9, 2001 Europa		
6635	8r	Baikal seal *Phoca sibirica*	Phocidae	NEW

NEW ISSUES

ARGENTINA		March 22, 2003 National Parks		
2229	50c	Guanaco *Lama guanicoe*	Camelidae	
2231	50c	Grey bracket *Mazama gouazoupira*	Cervidae	NEW
BELARUS		January 28, 2003 Definitives		
409	1r	European bison *Bison bonasus*	Bovidae	
BHUTAN		December 16, 2002 Flora & Fauna		
1375a	25n	Gaur *Bas frontalis*	Bovidae	
b	25n	Hog badger *Arctonyx collaris*	Mustelidae	
f	25n	Hispid hare *Caprolagus hispidus*	Leporidae	NEW
CHILE		June 5, 2002 Endangered Species		
1394	10p	Andean cat *Oreailurus jacobita*	Felidae	NEW
1395	20p	Geoffroy's cat *Oncifelis geoffroyi*	Felidae	
		October 29, 2002 12th CITES Conference		
1411	450p	Vicugna *Vicugna vicugna*	Camelidae	
1412m/s	2000p	Chinchilla *Chinchilla lanigera*	Chinchillidae	
		November 2, 2002 Protected Whales		
1413	250p	Southern right whale *Eubalaena australis*	Balaenidae	
1414	500p	Minke whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata*	Balaenopteridae	
1415m/s	2000p	Sperm whale *Physeter catodon*	Physeteridae	
CROATIA		June 5, 2003 Rodents		
529	2k30	Eurasian red squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris*	Sciuridae	
530	2k80	Fat dormouse *Myoxus glis*	Myoxidae	
531	3k50	Eurasian beaver *Castor fiber*	Castoridae	
CUBA		December 20, 2002 5th National Philatelic Competition		
4275m/s	1p	Bottlenosed dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*	Delphinidae	
		December 27, 2002 Prehistoric & Modern-Day Animals		
4276	5c	Red deer *Cervus elaphus*	Cervidae	
4277	10c	Hamadryas baboon *Papio hamadryas*	Cercopithecidae	
4278	15c	Black rhinoceros *Diceros bicornis*	Rhinocerotidae	
4279	45c	Grey wolf *Canis lupus*	Canidae	
4280	65c	Brown bear *Ursus arctos*	Ursidae	
4281	75c	Lion *Panthera leo*	Felidae	
4282m/s	1p	Elephant sp. ??	Elephantidae	
		May 15, 2003 Flora & Fauna		
4313	65c	Cuban solenodon *Solenodon cubanus*	Solenodontidae	
		August 28, 2003 Expo Bangkok		
4330	65c	Polar bear *Ursus maritimus*	Ursidae	
4331	75c	Arctic fox *Alopex lagopus*	Canidae	
4332m/s	1p	Harp seal *Phoca groenlandica*	Phocidae	
CYPRUS		June 12, 2003 WWF		
1006a-d	4x25c	Mediterranean horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus euryale*	Rhinolophidae	NEW
DOMINICA		June 21, 2003 Lewis & Clark Expedition		
2434	90c	Brown bear *Ursus arctos*	Ursidae	

ECUADOR May 14, 2003 Int. Tourism Trade Fair

1674a	25c	Monkey sp ??	Cebidae
ESTONIA		August 27, 2003 Seal	
462	4b40	Ringed seal *Phoca hispida*	Phocidae
HUNGARY		May 9, 2003 Fauna	
3847	35f	Steppe polecat *Mustela eversmannii*	Mustelidae
IRAN		March 15, 2003 New Year	
2852	1000r	Goitered gazelle *Gazella subgutturosa*	Bovidae
2853	1000r	Goitered gazelle *Gazella subgutturosa*	Bovidae
2854	1000r	Urial *Ovis vignei*	Bovidae
2855	1000r	Red deer *Cervus elephas*	Cervidae
MEXICO		2003 Conservation definitives [see Vol. 52(3)]	
2323	2p50	as 2256, 2267	
2324	2p50	as 2257	
ST.PIERRE & MIQUELON		September 10, 2003 Deer	
763	50c	White-tailed deer *Odocoileus virginianus*	Cervidae

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